

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

September 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry Haver.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all present.

Present were:, Council members, Ron Beverly, Bruce Hart, Ron Jones, Mick Pocratsky, Mike Barth & Mike Headley; Solicitor, Troy Essex; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Administrator, Kent Miller was absent. There were approximately five visitors.

Jones moved to approve the September 6 minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to go into executive session for possible land acquisition. Jones seconded. All voted yes. (7 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Beverly moved to return to regular session. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to approve the bills with the exception of Martha Green's as he wants more information. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to approve paying the Thornburg Plumbing bill held up at the last meeting. Barth seconded. Hart, Pocratsky, Jones, Barth & Beverly voted yes. Headley voted no.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The board met on September 8 to consider a request by Slattery Oil Company Inc. to re-zone 502 East High Street a/k/a 194 PT Auditor's Plat from R-3 to General and Local Business. The commission moved to approve. Minutes of the meeting were in the council packets. Council will hold a re-zoning hearing on October 3.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Pocratsky reported the committee met September 12 with RCAP representatives to see if the 2011 sewer rate increase helped the financial situation.

A meeting was held on September 13 with OEPA, RCAP & Village representatives to discuss among other things, financial and technical assistance to obtain low interest to no interest loans, how to stop our Combined Sewer Overflows & monitoring of our sewer system. Minutes of the meeting were in council packets.

Another Storm Water Steering Committee meeting was set up for October 4 at 6 p.m.

The August Water Supply & Treatment Report of Operations was passed out by the Superintendent.

Park Board: Park Director Mike Altman, was at the meeting but did not give a report.

Street/Light/Property Committee: Beverly reported that Miller is updating traffic signs and wants to eliminate others. The committee was agreeable.

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee met tonight, September 19 at 6:15 p.m. to audit the books. They will meet again on September 26 at 5:30 p.m. to begin the budget process.

Personnel Committee: Jones reported a meeting was held September 12 at 5 p.m. with the Village Administrator. They discussed hiring an assistant administrator, a building inspector and a sewer department employee. It was decided not to hire an assistant at this time.

Administrator's Report: Miller is on vacation reported the following per written report;

- Asked council to approve a change order for the 150,000 gallon storage tank. Pocratsky moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.
- Asked council to approve Jeff Rumble for the sewer department position. This is subject to his passing a physical and drug screen. Rate of pay would be \$14.62 during the ninety day probationary period and then increase to \$15.12 afterwards. Mayor Haver made the recommendation. Pocratsky moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.
- General pick generated just under 70 tons of trash. A regular week is 16-18 tons and except for one spot, things went very smooth. Beverly voiced his opinion that if a resident is delinquent in paying their water/sewer/refuse bill they should not be allowed to participate in the General Pickup. It was suggested that the Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee look into it.
- Miller plans to be out of the office September 19-23.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2011-18 to call for the "Reform of the Clean Water Act Sewer Overflow Policy to Achieve Sustainable Long-term Goals" was read by

caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Barth seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2011-18 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Jones moved to approve. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2011-19 to award interim and active monies was read by caption only for the first reading.

Essex explained that Verizon did not like certain parts of our Industrial Park Covenants & the type of zoning we have established. He has the original lease that Verizon is proposing and he plans to take it to his office to review before we sign it. Verizon plans to build the tower in the spring/summer of 2012.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: At the request of Utility Clerk, Cheryl Smith, Collins asked council to consider allowing her to make some minor changes to the billing process. Some council members wanted more time to consider it and wanted to ask Cheryl some questions before making a decision.

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Mayors Report: Trick or Treating was set for Saturday, October 29 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Mayor Haver reported that there has been vandalism at the park. Mesh on the new playground equipment was cut through. It was replaced with chain link fencing. He thanked Troy Sargent and Gary Shull for making the necessary repairs. The HHS football team was congratulated on their win against Tinora. The StormWater Steering Committee was commended for the work they are doing.

Beverly made a motion to adjourn. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

MAYOR _____
Larry Haver

CLERK/TREASURER _____
Diane Collins